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1. [redacted] ship was en route to Arkhangelsk [redacted] two naval vessels were seen in the area off Kildin Island (N 69-21, E 34-10).

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2. [redacted] fifteen or twenty targets moored outside the control station on Ohizhov Island (N 64-45, E 40-33). The targets consisted of several parallel laths or thin masts mounted on floats. Canvas or thin cloth could be stretched between the masts. [redacted] the targets, the cloth was down and hung between the masts like a sail. At the top of each mast there was a single block through which passed a line which was made fast to the cloth and the end of the rope and in turn was tied to a cross-stay on the raft.

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3. [redacted] ship was sailing near Sawmill No. 9-10, [redacted] some aluminum colored objects on the southeast point of Keg Island (N 64-32, E 40-28), about where the fishing markers are shown on Admiralty Chart 2280.

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4. A short distance from the beach, about 300 to 400 meters west of the fishing markers, [redacted] three aircraft parked by some trees. Each aircraft was painted field green, and it was low-winged, with two radial engines and a tail-wheel. The fuselage was thicker than that of a DC-3, but otherwise it resembled a DC-3.

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5. There were aircraft in the air every day over Arkhangelsk; both jet and radial-engine aircraft were seen, [redacted] only propeller-driven aircraft land and take off from the field on Keg Island. Two jet aircraft passed fairly low over [redacted] ship [redacted] the wings were straight along the leading edge and that the aircraft had single tailfin and rudder.

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6. A sounding was made with a handline at Sawmill No. 23 at Solombala on the way into port. The crew was covering the guns with tarpaulins. Each vessel had

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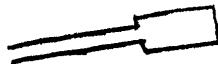
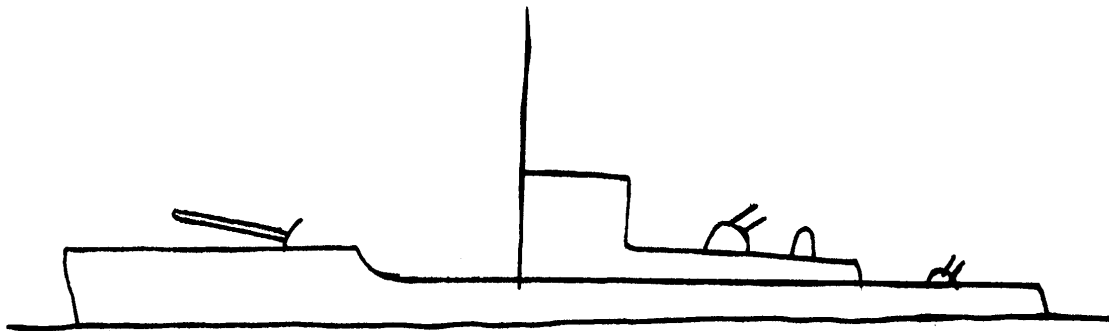
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a short forecastle, one 40-millimeter gun with a shield on the foredeck, a bridge with a signal mast on the forward side, one slanting stack, a twin-machinegun just aft of the stack and another one below on the afterdeck. [redacted] the machineguns to be about 20 millimeters. They resembled Oerlikon guns but the mouths of the barrels were different (See sketch No. 1). The vessels were not equipped with mine sweeping gear and they had no cranes on the stem frame (See sketch No. 2).

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Sketch No. 1:Gun Barrel on Soviet Ship:Sketch No. 2:Naval Vessel Seen Near Sawmill No. 23:

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